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1. LAINCC HAS REVIEWED OPERATION FUNNEL AS DISCRETE PROJECT ACTIVITY AS WELL AS IN CONTEXT OF OVERALL PERU NCAP REVIEW. LAINCC HAS RECOMMENDED APPROVAL US SUPPORT FOR OPERATION FUNNEL WITH INITIAL MODIFICATIONS TO OVERCOME SHORT-TERM PROCUREMENT AND FUNDING PROBLEMS WHICH WILL ALLOW ACTIVITY TO GO FORWARD TO MEET PLANNED OCTOBER 1 STARTING DATE. COMMITMENT OF FUNDS FOR SPECIFIC ITEMS, E.G. PER DIEM, DEPENDS UPON RESOLUTION OF ISSUES RAISED THIS MESSAGE, PARTICULARLY ASSURANCE THAT DIN WILL CONTINUE INTERDICTION OPERATION WITH ITS OWN RESOURCES. CONFIDENTIAL

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2. LAINCC IMPRESSED WITH SCOPE, THOROUGHNESS AND DESIGN OF PLAN THAT REFLECTS CLOSE COORDINATION AND COOPERATION BETWEEN GOP AND EMBASSY. WE COMMEND EFFORTS ON DEVELOPING LONG-TERM GOP ANTI-NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT CAPABILITIES.

PLEASED TO NOTE DIN BEING UPGRADED TO DIRECTORATE LEVEL.

3. SCOPE AND COST OF OPERATION FUNNEL EXCEEDS PROPOSED

FY 76 PERU PROGRAM AS GIVEN IN CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION. SECTION 113 OF FAA REQUIRES THAT WE PROVIDE CONGRESS WITH WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF INCREASED FUNDING ABOVE CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION AMOUNT AND WAIT 15 DAYS BEFORE OBLIGATING FUNDS. THIS MEANS THAT PROPOSED PROGRAM COULD NOT BE FULLY APPROVED UNTIL MID-SEPTEMBER AT EARLIEST. IN ANY EVENT, IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO PURCHASE AND DELIVER ALL COMMODITIES PRESENTED IN OPERATION FUNNEL PLAN BY OCTOBER 1 PLANNED STARTING DATE.

4. OPERATION COULD BEGIN ON TIME, HOWEVER, IF REQUIRED VEHICLES AND BOATS WERE LEASED IN-COUNTRY. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND OTHER ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES NOT AVAILABLE IN PERU WOULD BE PURCHASED IN US AND SHIPPED AIR FREIGHT. MISSION WOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO PURCHASE ALL OTHER COMMODITIES IF AVAILABLE AT REASONABLE PRICE IN PERU AND ASSUMING THAT US PROCUREMENT WOULD BE TIME CONSUMING AND AIR SHIPMENT TOO COSTLY. PROCUREMENT OF US VEHICLE AND BOAT PACKAGE WILL FOLLOW CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.

5. WHILE WE REALIZE THAT GOP MAY NEED SOME INDUCEMENT TO GET TEAMS OUT INTO THE FIELD AND MAINTAIN THIS OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY, WE ARE RELUCTANT TO FINANCE AVERAGE \$10 DAY PER DIEM FOR DIN OFFICIALS FOR DURATION OF CAMPAIGN. IF USG PICKS UP ALL THESE EXPENSES FROM THE START, WE DOUBT THAT GOP WOULD BE INFLUENCED TO FIND LONG-TERM SOLUTION TO ISSUE OF INSURING THAT ITS FORCES WILL REMAIN OPERATIONAL IN THE FIELD BY PROVIDING ADEQUATE PER DIEM FROM ITS OWN RESOURCES OR SOME OTHER SOLUTION. WE NOTE THAT GOP APPARENTLY HAS ITS OWN PER DIEM SCALE FOR VARIOUS RANKS OF OFFICIALS AND BELIEVE GOP SHOULD BE EN-CONFIDENTIAL

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COURAGED USE ITS RESOURCES TO EXTENT POSSIBLE FROM THE BEGINNING TO PREVENT OVER-RELIANCE ON US FINANCING. SINCE WE DOUBT THAT GOP HAS SUFFICIENT BUDGETARY FLEXIBILITY, HOWEVER, TO IMMEDIATELY SECURE THESE RESOURCES, POST IS AUTHORIZED TO USE OPERATIONAL SUPPORT COSTS PREVIOUSLY ALLOTTED TO SUPPORT DIN FIELD OPERATIONS. IN ADDITION, WE PREPARED TO ALLOT AN ADDITIONAL \$10,000 FOR HIGH PRIORITY OPERATIONAL SUPPORT COSTS TO BE USED IN CRITICAL AREAS WHEN PERUVIAN PROJECT DIRECTOR AND US COORDINATOR DETERMINE THAT URGENT EXPENSES MUST BE MET OR SUCCESS OF OPERATION FUNNEL WOULD BE JEOPARDIZED. (E.G., FOR LOCAL CHARTER OF AIRCRAFT ON AS NEEDED BASIS.) IT SHOULD BE CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT THESE FUNDS SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR NORMAL, ON-GOING DIN EXPENSES, WHICH DIN SHOULD

EVENTUALLY ABSORB. PLEASE COMMENT, INCLUDING ESTIMATES OF COST AS APPROPRIATE.

6. WE WOULD APPRECIATE INTERIM REPORTS ON COMMITMENT EFFORTS OF GOP TO INITIAL PHASE OF OPERATION AS WELL AS PLANS FOR AND ABOUT CONTENT OF PROPOSED PROJECT AGREEMENT.

7. MEANWHILE, DEA PLANS TO SEND TO LIMA MOBILE TASK FORCE SPECIALIST, JOHN COLLINS, DETAILS SEPARATE, TO PERFORM AN IN-DEPTH SURVEY TO IDENTIFY SPECIAL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS AND OPERATIONAL TECHNIQUES IN THE FIELD.

8. IF POST CONCURS IN MODIFICATIONS STATED, IN ORDER TO GET OPERATION MOVING ON SCHEDULE, S/NM AUTHORIZES PURCHASE OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT IN AMOUNT OF \$26,000 AND LEASING COSTS OF VEHICLES AND BOATS, URGENTLY NEEDED EQUIPMENT AND OPERATING COSTS TOTALLING \$40,000, FOR INITIAL PROJECT TOTAL OF \$66,000. INITIAL PROCUREMENT IN COUNTRY MAY PROCEED IMMEDIATELY.

9. ADVISE POST CONCURRENCE. INGERSOLL

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